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PETITION

OF

The LORDS and COMMONS

TO THE KING.

For leave to remove the Magazine at *Hull*, to the Tower of LONDON:

And alſo to take off the Reprieve of the *ſix condemned Prieſts now in* New-gate.

Together with his MAIESTIES Anſwer thereunto.

ALSO

A Liſt of the Names of the ſeverall Colonells, and their Colours, with the Lievtenant Colonells, Serjeant Majors, and Captaines and Lievtenants appointed by the *Committee, for the ordering of the* Militia *of this honourable Citie of* LONDON.

Likewiſe, The Copy of two Letters, The one from the Commons Houſe of Parliament, to the Members in their ſeverall Counties, to further *the advancement of the adventure for* Ireland: The other, from the Commons Houſe to the ſeverall Sheriffes of the Kingdom.

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To the Kings most excellent Majestie.

The humble Petition of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament.

Most gracious Soveraign;

YOur most dutifull and loyall Subjects, the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, finding the stores of Arms and Ammunition in the Tower of *London* much diminished; And that the necessitie of Supplies for Your Majesties Kingdome of *Ireland*, (for which they have been issued from thence) daily increaseth: And that the occasion for which the Magazine was placed at *Hull*, is now taken away; And considering it will be kept here with lesse charge and more safety, and transported hence with much more convenience for the service of the kingdome of *Ireland*.

They therefore humbly pray, That your Majestie will be graciously pleased to give leave that the said Armes, Cannon, and Ammunition, now in Magizine at *Hull*, may be removed to the Tower of *London*, according as shall be directed by both Your Houses of Parliament.

And whereas six Priests now in *New-gate*, are condemned to die, and by Your Majesty have been Reprieved; They humbly pray Your Majestie to be pleased, that the said Reprieve may be taken off, & the said Priests executed according to Law.

His Majesties Answer to the foregoing Petition of the Lords and Commons in PARLIAMENT.

WE rather expected (and have done so long) that you should have given Us an account why a Garrison hath been placed in Our Town of *Hull*, without Our consent, and Souldiers

Souldiers Billeted there, againſt Law, and expreſſe words of the Petition of Right, then to be moved (for the avoiding of a needleſſe charge you have put on your ſelves) to give Our conſent for the removall of Our Magazine and Munition (Our own proper Goods) upon ſuch generall Reaſons, as indeed give no ſatisfaction to Our judgement. And ſince yee have made the buſineſſe of *Hull* your Argument, We would gladly be informed; why Our own inclination (on the generall rumour of the deſignes of Papiſts in the Northern parts) was not thought ſufficient ground for Vs to put a Perſon of Honour, Fortune, and unblemiſhed Reputation, into a Town and Fort of Our own, where Our own Magazine lay; And yet the ſame rumour be warrant enough for you, to commit the ſame Town and Fort (without Our conſent) to the hands of Sir *John Hotham*, with a Power unagreeable to the Law of the Land, or the libertie of the Subject: And yet of this in point of Right or Priviledge, (for ſure We are not without Priviledge too) We have not all this while complained; And being confident that that place (whatſoever diſcourſe there is of publike or private Inſtructions to the contrary) ſhall be ſpeedily given up, if We ſhall require it; We ſhall be contented to diſpoſe Our Munition there (as We have done in other places) for the publike eaſe and benefit, as upon particular advice We ſhall finde convenient: Though We cannot think it fit, or conſent that the whole Magazine be removed together. But when you ſhall agree upon ſuch Proportions as ſhall be held neceſſary for any particular ſervice, We ſhall ſigne ſuch Warrants as ſhall be agreeable to Wiſdome and Reaſon. And if any of them be deſigned for *Vlſter* or *Leinſter*, you know well the conveyance will be more eaſie and convenient from the place they now are in. Yet We muſt tell you, That if the Fears are ſo great from the Papiſts at home, or of Forreign Force, (as is pretended) it ſeemes ſtrange that you make not proviſion of Armes and Munition for defence of this Kingdome, rather than ſeeke to carry any more from hence, without ſome courſe taken for ſupply, eſpecially if you remember your engagement to Our Scots Subjects for that proportion of Armes which is conteined in your Treaty. We ſpeake not this, as not thinking the ſending of Armes to *Ireland* very neceſſary: But onely for the way of the

Provision. For you know what great quantities We have assigned out of Our severall Stores, which in due time, We hope, you will see replenished. For the charge of looking to the Magazine at *Hull*, as it was undertaken voluntarily by you at first, and (to say no more) unnecessarily; so you may free Our good People of that charge, and leave it to Vs to looke to, who are the proper owner of it.

And this We hope will give you full satisfaction in this point, and that yee doe not (as yee have done in the businesse of the *Militia*) send this Message out of complementall Ceremony, resolving to be your own Carvers at last: For We must tell you, If any attempt, or direction shall be made or given in this Matter, without Our consent or approbation, We shall esteeme it as an Act of violence against Vs, and declare it to all the world, as the greatest violation of Our Right, and breach of Our Priviledge.

Concerning the six Priests condemned: It is true, they were Reprieved by Our Warrant, being informed that they were (by some restraint) disabled to take the benefit of Our former Proclamation: since that, We have issued out another for the due execution of the Lawes against Papists, and have most solemnly promised, in the word of a King, never to pardon any Priest (without your consent) which shall be found guilty by Law; desiring to Banish these, having herewith sent Warrant to that purpose, if upon second thoughts ye doe not disapprove thereof: But if you thinke the Execution of these Persons so very necessary to the great and Pious Work of Reformation, We refer it wholly to you; declaring hereby, that upon such your Resolution signified to the Ministers of Justice, Our Warrant for their Reprieve is determined, and the Law to have the course.

And now let Vs aske you (for We are willing to husband time, and to dispatch as much as may be, under one Message: God knows the Distractions of this Kingdom want a present Remedy) Will there never be a time to offer to, as well as to aske of Vs? We will propose no more particulars to you, having no luck to please, or be understood by you. Take your own time for what concerns Our particular: But be sure yee have an early, speedy care of the Publike, that is, of the onely

Rule

Rule which preserves the Publike, The Law of the Land: Preserve the Dignitie, and Reverence due to that. It was well said in a Speech made by a private Person, but published by Order of the House of Commons this Parliament; *The Law is that which puts a difference betwixt Good and Evill, betwixt Just and Unjust: If you take away the Law, all things will fall into a Confusion, every man will become a Law unto himself, which in the depraved condition of humane nature, must needs produce many great enormities: Lust will become a Law, and Envie will become a Law, Covetousnesse and Ambition will become Lawes, and what Dictates, what Decisions such Lawes will produce, may easily be discerned.* So said that Gentleman, and much more very well in defence of the Law, and against Arbitrary Power. It is worth looking over and considering. And if the most zealous Defence of true Protestant Profession, and the most Resolved Protection of the Law, be the most necessary Duty of a Prince, We cannot beleeve this miserable Distance, and Misunderstanding can be long continued between Vs; We having often and earnestly Declared them, to be the chiefest Desires of Our Soule, and the Kind and Rule of all Our Actions.

It was part of Pims Speech against the Earle of Strafford.

For *Ireland* We have sufficiently, and, We hope, satisfactorily expressed to all Our good Subjects, Our hearty sense of that sad Businesse, in Our severall Messages in that Argument; But especially in Our last of the eighth of this Moneth, concerning Our Resolution for that Service: For the speedy, honourable, and full Performance whereof, We conjure you to yeeld all possible Assistance, and present Advice.

A List of the Names of the severall Colonells, and their Colours, with the Leivtenant Colonells, Serjeant Majors, and Captaines and Lievtenants appointed by the Committee, for *the ordering of the* Militia *of this Honourable* Citie *of* LONDON.

I.

ALderman *Atkins*, Colonell. Colour Red. Cap. *Royden* Lievtenant Colonell. Captain *Mannering*, Serjeant Major. Cap. *Bunch*. Cap. *Tucker*. Cap. *Tompson*. Cap. *Hooker*. Mr. *Gautherne* Lievtenant.

II.

Alderman *Pennington* Col. Colour White. Cap. *Langham* Lievtenant Colonell. Cap. *Davis*, Serje. Major. Cap. *Chamberlaine*. Captain *Player*. Cap. *Hervey*. Cap. *Whithcot*, Mr. *Forth Goodday* Lievtenant.

III.

Alderman *Wollaston* Col. Colour Yellow. Cap. *Ven* Lievtenant Colonell. Cap. *Bradley* Serje. Major. Cap. *Turner*. Cap. *Harison*. Cap. *Titchburne*. Cap. *Cuthert*. Mr. *William Barriffe* Lievtenant.

IIII.

Alderman *Adams* Col. Colour Blew. Cap. *Edmond Foster*, Lie. Colonell. Cap. *Carleton* Serjeant Major. Cap. *West*. Cap. *Hacket*. Cap. *Vnderwood*. Cap. *Blackwell*. Mr. *Bellerme* Lievtenant.

V.

Alderman *Warner* Col. Colour Greene. Cap. *Covell* Leivt. Col. Cap. *Matthew Foster* Serjeant Major. Cap. *Owen Row*. Captain *Shephard*. Cap. *Francis Row*. Mr. *Hause* Lievtenant.

VI.

Alderman *Towes* Col. Colour Orrenge. Cap. *Rowland Willston* Lievt. Col. Cap. *Geere* Serje. Major. Cap. *Tho. Buxton*. Capt. *Browne*. Captain *Chamfield*. Master *Woollaston* Lievtenant.

A COPY OF A LETTER,

which *Master Speaker* is ordered by the Commons house of Parliament, to send to the Members of that House, that are now Residing in their severall Counties, to *further the Advancement of the Adventure for* IRELAND.

SIR,

BY the appointment of the House of Commons, I am to let you know, that they have sent unto the Sheriffe of your County, both the Acts concerning the speedy reducing the Rebels in *Ireland*, and likewise the Names of such Members of this House, as have subscribed here in *London* to this Adventure and the summes they have Adventur'd; requiring him together with the Justices of Peace of the same County, to communicate the same with the best advantage in the several divisions, and that no encouragement might bee wanting to a worke so Pious in it selfe, so necessary to the Peace of both Kingdomes, and to the establishing and assuring the true Protestant Religion therein, and so beneficiall to such well-affected Persons as shall adventure. They have commanded me to require you to repaire to the Sheriffe, and to assist him the best wayes you can, to encourage and advance this work, and not doubting of your Publike affections, they assure themselves, that you apprehend the necessitie and consequence of the worke so entirely, that you will with such alacritie, as becomes a businesse of this Nature; Propound your owne Example to the Gentry, and other well-affected persons of your County, and subscribe to the Adventure in such a Proportion, as may best stand with your own Occasions; not having more to say, but that the House will expect an account from you herein, Prest.

April, 1642.

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A Copy of a Letter which Mr. Speaker is ordered by the Commons House of Parliament, to send to the severall Sheriffs of this KINGDOME.

SIR,

BY order of the House of Commons, I am directed to give you notice that divers well affected persons to the publque good have under-written great summes of monie for the speedy reducing of the Irish Rebels to their obedience to his Majestie, and the Crowne of *England*, and for the advancing of a businesse of so generall concernment, and tending not only to the common good of both Kingdomes, & the setting of the true Protestant Religion there, but to the particular advantage of the Adventurers; The House doth hold fit to leave no way omitted, that may advance and further so good a worke. And for that purpose have commanded me herewith to send you two Articles of Parliament made for the stating of the Rebels Lands upon the Adventurers according to the proportion of their respective adventures. And likewise the names of such Members of the House who have already subscribed to this Adventure, and the Summes they have adventured, which they have done to the intent you should communicate the same for the better encouragement of others for following their pious examples, and therefore they have commanded me to recommend it unto your best care, that you together with the Justices of Peace (to whom you are to give notice of this Letter) may in your seuerall Devisions communicate the same to men of the best qualitie of your Countie, and use your best diligence to perswade them to contribute to so necessary a worke, which (with Gods assistance) is not only a most ready and likely way to reduce the Rebels, and secure the peace and safetie of this Kingdome, but to retribute an ample benefit to the Adventurers. And you are likewise to signifie unto them that who shall subscribe and interest themselves in this Adventure, they are conceived by the House of Commons to be persons heartily affected to the publique Weale. Sir, your carefull endavours in this service will bee very acceptable to the House, and so I rest.

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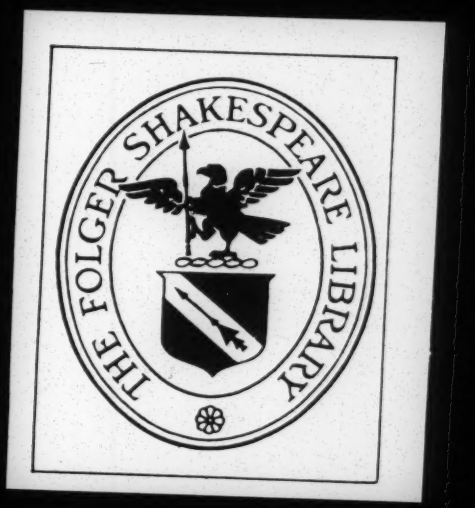
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